

TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- What is a Tariff
- What is in a Tariff
- How to file a Tariff
- Frequently Asked Questions
- · Tariff Info on the PSC Website



WHAT
IS
\mathbf{A}
TARIFF?



TARIFF

Schedule(s) showing all <u>rates and conditions of</u>
<u>service</u> established by a utility and collected
or enforced by the utility plus any <u>additional</u>
<u>attachments</u> utilized.

TARIFF

Any filed rate, charge, and /or condition of service approved by the governing regulatory agency shall be considered reasonable and unassailable in judicial proceedings.

FILED RATE DOCTRINE

TARIFF RELATED LAWS

- KRS 278.160 (1) and (2)
- 807 KAR 5:011 Section 3 (5) (a)
- 807 KAR 5:006 Section 5 (1) and (2)

PURPOSE

OF THESE LAWS

- Ensures PSC review of a utility's rates, rules, conditions of service, and any other procedure.
- Prevents discrimination by mandating uniform treatment to similarly situated customers.

EFFECTof these laws

OF THESE LAWS

1. Utility's tariff has the status of law.

- 2. Can be varied only by law not an act of the parties.
- Utility may file new tariffs to change its rates, but the utility lacks the legal authority to deviate from its filed tariff.

VIOLATION

OF THESE LAWS

- 1. Refund of Amounts Improperly Billed and Collected.
- Penalties Against the Water District and its Commissioners and /or Superintendent.
- 3. Removal of Water District Commissioners
- Civil Liability for Damages for Wrongful Denial of Service.

SUMMARY

OF THESE LAWS

- 1. If a fee is not in your tariff, you cannot charge it.
- If a requirement is not in your tariff, you cannot impose it.
- 3. If a rule is not in your tariff, you cannot enforce it.

WHAT
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TARIFFS

MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITIES

ALL Rates and/or Charges including

- · Any Monthly Capital Cost Charge
- Any additional fees such as the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee.

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	P.S.C. KY. NO.		5
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RATES AND CH	IARGES		
MONTHLY WHOLESALE WATER RATE:			
Garrard County Water Association	**		
Water Usage Rate		\$1.83	Per 1,000 Gallons
Kentucky River Authority Withdrawal Fee: Tier I Fee		ድለ በንን	Per 1,000 Gallons
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TARIFFS

DISTRICTS - ASSOCIATIONS - PRIVATE

Rates / Charges

- · Monthly Rates for Water
- · Meter Connection/Tap-on
- · Non-recurring Charges
- Leak Adjustment Rate

TARIFFS

DISTRICTS - ASSOCIATIONS - PRIVATE

Conditions of Service

- Billing, Billing Adjustments, & Meter Reading Info
- · Termination of Service Policy
- Extension Policy
- Deposit Policy

TARIFFS

DISTRICTS - ASSOCIATIONS - PRIVATE

Attachments

- · Water Shortage Response Plan
- · Water Service Contract
- · Partial Payment Agreement
- · Sample Bill

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POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

KRS 278.170 (3) – A water utility may grant free or reduced rate service for fighting fires or training

807 KAR 5:095 Section 9 – A water utility that allows a fire department to withdraw water shall

- 1. Require usage reports
- 2. Assess a penalty for failure to file

POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

If a water utility has implemented such a policy it <u>must</u> be included in the tariff on file at the PSC.

POLICY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The non-reporting user shall be billed for this usage at the lowest usage block rate regardless of customer classification that the utility charges.

A non-reporting user shall also be assessed a penalty of \$_____ for each failure to submit a report in a timely manner.

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		Community, Town or City
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(Name of Utility))	SHEET NO.
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FIRE DEPARTME	NTS:	
Any city, county, ur	ban-county, charter county,	fire protection district, or volunteer fire protection
district ("User") may	withdraw water from the u	tility's water distribution system for fighting fires or
training firefighters a	t no charge on the condition t	that it maintains estimates of the amount of water used
for fire protection and	d training during the calenda	r month and reports the amount of this water usage to
the utility no later tha	n the 15 th day of the followin	g calendar month.
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A non-reporting User	's usage shall be presumed to	be 0.3 percent of the utility's total water sales for the
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LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

- ◆ A utility <u>may</u> choose to offer a leak adjustment.
- If leak adjustments are made, is there a written policy to ensure that everyone is treated equally?
- ♦ Is the policy in your tariff?

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

- ◆ The amount of gallons flowing thru the meter should never be adjusted.
- An adjustment should always be made on the monetary side, not the usage side.
- ◆ The adjustment <u>must</u> cover the cost of the water.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS POLICY SUGGESTIONS

- The customer should make the request in writing.
- The bill should be the average bill plus that additional water that flowed thru the meter charged at the reduced rate.
- The reduced rate must cover the cost of the water.
- May limit the number of adjustments over a period of time.

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1.	The customer mus	t request a leak adjustment in	writing to the utili	ty.
2.	The customer mus	t provide a plumber's stateme	nt or other proof sl	howing the leak has been repaired.
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4.	estimated by the u	are not available for an entitility, subject to an upward or dings can be calculated.	iremo downward adjusti	onth period, the water bill will be ment once a twelve-month average
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6.	Wholesale custom	ers are not eligible for this Le	ak Adjustment Pol	licy.
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CONTRACTS

Every utility shall file true copies of all special contracts entered into governing utility service which set rates, charges, or conditions of service not included in its general tariff.

807 KAR 5:011 Sec 13

CONTRACTS

Examples of Special Contracts:

- · Arrangements with Subdivision Developers
- · Large industrial customers
- · Wholesale customers

CONTRACTS

Check to see that all your contracts for providing water service have been filed with the PSC

Check to see if they have the PSC stamp



HOW DO I FILE A NEW TARIFF?



 A Letter explaining the requested Tariff ch 	nanges.
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- 2. A Signed Tariff Sheet with a proposed effective date that provides at minimum a 30-Day notice.
- 3. If applicable a copy of the Public Notice along with any supporting documentation.
- 4. PSC must act on a properly filed tariff prior to proposed effective date.
- 5. Action: Accept, Reject, or Suspend for 5-Months

- If suspended for 5-months, and PSC fails to issue
 a decision prior to the end of the suspension, then
 the utility can place the tariff into effect subject to
 refund or modification.
- 7. PSC must issue a final decision within 10-months of the filing of the tariff.
- If the PSC fails to act before the expiration of the 10-month period, the tariff becomes effective by operation of law.
- 9. See 807 KAR 5:011 for detailed tariff information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN WE

PUT OUR NEW



RATES INTO

EFFECT

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Your Order from the PSC states --

- "New rates are effective for <u>service rendered</u> on and after September 20."
- This does <u>not</u> mean for <u>bills</u> issued on and after September 20.
- <u>Service Rendered</u> means water that flows through the meter on and after September 20.

WHEN CAN

WE



DISCONNECT SERVICE

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TERMINATION OF SERVICE

FOR NON-PAYMENT

- Utility must give five days written notice of intent to terminate for nonpayment
- Service cannot be terminated before twenty (20) days after the mailing date of the original bill

807 KAR 5:006 Section 14

CAN WE ASSESS A
SERVICE CHARGE
FOR
BANK DRAFTS
OR
CREDIT & DEBIT
CARDS?

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CREDIT CARD

SERVICE CHARGE

◆ Check any and all agreements and contracts.



Most prohibit this practice.



HOW CAN I
DETERMINE IF
THE TARIFF ON
FILE AT THE
UTILITY OFFICE

IS CORRECT?

IS TARIFF CORRECT?

- · Go to the PSC website
- · Call the Tariff Branch

What should I do if the PSC version differs from the utility's version?

· Call the Tariff Branch as soon as possible.

CAN WE
INCREASE

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OUR
DEPOSIT
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DEPOSITS

Monthly 2/12 Customer's Actual
Bimonthly 3/12 or Estimated
Quarterly 4/12 Annual Bill

807 KAR 5:006 Sec 7

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DI	EPOSITS:					
1.	The utility may require a minimum cash de	eposit or other guarantee to secure payment of bills.				
2.	Service may be refused or discontinued if I	payment of requested deposits is not made.				
3.	bill of customers in that class. Deposit an	customers will be established based on the average annual mounts will not exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average are bills are rendered monthly. Deposit amounts are listed iff.				
4.	Deposits may be waived for a customer showing satisfactory credit or payment history. In determining whether a deposit will be required or waived, the following criteria will be considered: (a) Previous history with the utility. If the customer has no previous history with the utility, statements from other utilities, banks, etc., may be presented by the customer as evidence of good credit; (b) Whether the customer has an established income or line of credit; (c) Length of time the customer has resided or been located in the area; (d) Whether the customer owns the property to be served; (e) Whether another customer with good payment history is willing to sign as a guarantor for an amount equal to the required deposit.					
5.	Interest accrued will be refunded to the obasis. In situations where a customer le	ate prescribed by law beginning on the date of the deposit. customer or credited to the customer's bill on an annual eaves the system with less than one year's service, since is last interest payment date, interest will be refunded or interest payment date.				
6.	Deposits will be refunded to customers satisfactory payment history or upon termination	after months if the customer has established a nation of service.				
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Final Points

 Check with all utility staff to make sure that every rate, rule, policy, and condition of service is included in your tariff.



 Check to see that all your contracts have been filed with the PSC.



 Check to see if you are losing money on your non-recurring charges.



Final Points

 If you have any doubt about implementing a new rate or procedure, please call us and ask for verification that the rate can be put into effect.



· Call us with any questions!



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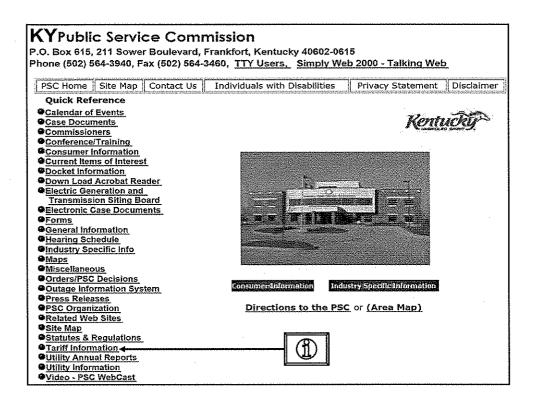
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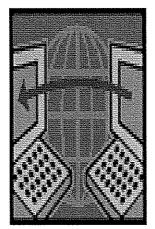
WEBSITE TARIFF INFO

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Tariff Filing System

Individual Tariff filings that add new pages or revise existing pages.

Contract filings are also in the system.



Online

Tariff System

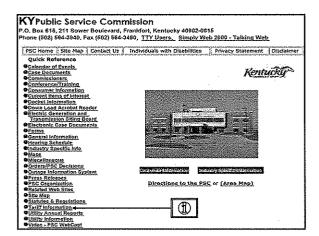
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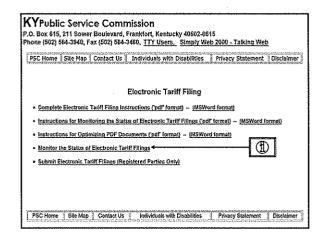
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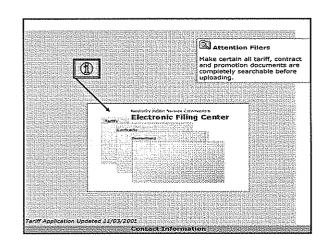
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